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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: MIYAKI et al.
Serial No.: 09/785,452
Filed: February 20, 2001
For: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

Re Amndt
3/A
S-15-01
T. Flower

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 9, 2001

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 16-17 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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REMARKS

Entry of this amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claims 16 and 17 have been cancelled, noting that these claims are being presented for examination in a Rule 53(b) divisional application being filed on even date herewith.

Attached hereto is a marked version of the changes made to the application by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".